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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Cameroon and India: draft resolution

Special assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/169 A of 16 December 1997 and 53/1 L of 7 December 1998,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 1234 (1999) of 9 April 1999, 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999, 1273 (1999) of 5 November 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Welcoming the signing of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement[1] on the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by all parties involved which represents a viable basis for a resolution of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Expressing its concern at the alleged violations of the Ceasefire Agreement and urging all parties to refrain from any declarations or action that could jeopardize the peace process,

Alarmed at the plight of the civilian population throughout the country, and calling for its protection,

Gravely concerned at the deteriorating economic and social situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular in the eastern Congo, and at the effect of the continued fighting on the inhabitants of the country,

Reaffirming the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all States in the region,

[1] S/1999/815, annex.

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Urging all parties to respect and protect human rights and respect international humanitarian law, in particular the Geneva Conventions of 1949[2] and the additional Protocols of 1977,[3]

Deeply concerned about the continued extensive destruction of life and property, as well as the severe damage to infrastructure and the environment, suffered by the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Bearing in mind that the Democratic Republic of the Congo also suffers from problems encountered by a country that has received thousands of refugees from neighbouring countries,

Recalling that the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a least developed country with severe economic and social problems arising from its weak economic infrastructure and aggravated by the ongoing conflict,

Bearing in mind the close interrelationship between ensuring peace and security and the ability of the country to meet the humanitarian needs of its people and to take effective steps towards the rapid revitalization of the economy, and reaffirming the urgent need to assist the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of its damaged economy and in its efforts to restore basic services and the infrastructure of the country,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Calls* for a full implementation of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement on the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by all its signatories;

3. *Calls upon* all parties concerned in the region to create the conditions necessary for the speedy and peaceful resolution of the crisis and urges all parties to engage in a process of political dialogue and negotiation without delay;

4. *Encourages* the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to pursue sound macroeconomic policies and to promote good governance and the rule of law and urges the Government and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to exert all efforts for economic recovery and reconstruction despite the ongoing armed conflict;

5. *Renews its invitation* to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to cooperate with the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other organizations in addressing the need for rehabilitation and reconstruction and stressed the need for the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to assist and protect the civilian population, including refugees and internally displaced persons within the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo regardless of their origin, and reaffirms the need for respect for the provisions of international humanitarian law, in particular the safety of humanitarian personnel, and safe and unhindered access to all affected populations;

6. *Renews its urgent appeal* to the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes to continue to keep under consideration the special needs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and, in that regard, welcomes, *inter alia*, the authorization given to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme by the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund to continue to approve assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo on a project-by-project basis;

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[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

[3] Ibid., vol. 1125, Nos. 17512 and 17513.

7. *Invites* Governments to continue providing support to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to respond in a timely manner to the United Nations consolidated appeal for the Great Lakes region for the year 2000;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to consult urgently with regional leaders, in coordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, about ways to bring about a peaceful and durable solution to the conflict;

(b) To continue to consult with regional leaders in coordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity in order to convene, when appropriate, an international conference on peace, security and development in the Great Lakes region under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity to address the problems of the region in a comprehensive manner;

(c) To keep under review the economic situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a view to promoting the participation in and support for a programme of financial and material assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo so as to enable it to address its urgent need for economic recovery and reconstruction;

(d) To submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the actions taken pursuant to the present resolution.